

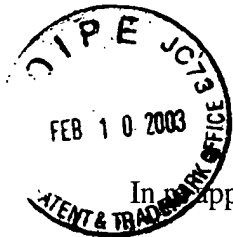
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For: MEMBER FOR ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE AND ELECTROLUMINESCENT  
DEVICE HAVING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge any additional fees, except

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for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following:

JP-A-U-6-63120:

This publication describes a membrane filter for electronic devices, which is obtainable by fabricating a porous thin film in the shape of a depression by mold processing, preparing the fixed width of a plane-like brim on all the circumferences of the opening thereof, filling up this case with adsorbent, covering with a plane-like resin board cover having the same size as the outside circumference of the brim, and weld-sealing them on all the circumferences joined to the brim part (see, paragraph [0004], lines 3 to 6).

This publication also describes a filter, for example, as shown in Fig. 1, which is obtainable by being filled with a granule-like silica gel 4 as a desiccant into a case 2 made from a porous thin film, covering it with a cover 5 made from a plastic, and weld-sealing them on all the circumferences joined to a brim part 3 of the case 2 by ultrasonic welding (see, paragraph [0005], lines 4 to 6).

JP-A-U-7-37317:

This publication describes a moisture absorbent comprising a product obtainable by adding a water retention agent into calcium chloride which is a water absorption agent capable of absorbing the humidity in air, placed in a receipt bag having the shape of flat made from a surface sheet having air permeability and water impermeability and a back sheet having air

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impermeability and water impermeability, in which a release sheet is provided on the surface of the back sheet via an adhesion agent layer (see, paragraph [0005]).

In addition an English abstract is enclosed for JP-A-11-57377.

Applicants also enclose a copy of an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated November 26, 2002.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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